

Wednesday, March 19, 1997

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed the Working Families Flexibility Act of 1997

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2491–S2574

Measures Introduced: Eleven bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 471–481, and S. Con. Res. 13. **Pages S2552–53**

Measures Passed:

Independent Counsel: By 55 yeas to 44 nays (1 responding present) (Vote No. 32), Senate passed S.J. Res. 22, to express the sense of the Congress concerning the application by the Attorney General for the appointment of an independent counsel to investigate allegations of illegal fundraising in the 1996 Presidential election campaign. **Pages S2491–99**

Victim Allocution Clarification: Senate passed H.R. 924, to amend title 18, United States Code, to give further assurance to the right of victims of crime to attend and observe the trials of those accused of the crime, clearing the bill for the President. **Pages S2507–09**

Measure Rejected:

Independent Counsel: By 58 yeas to 41 nays (1 responding present) (Vote No. 33), Senate tabled S.J. Res. 23, expressing the sense of the Congress that the Attorney General should exercise her best professional judgment, without regard to political pressures, on whether to invoke the independent counsel process to investigate alleged criminal misconduct relating to any election campaign. **Pages S2499–S2501**

Appointments:

National Civil Aviation Review Commission: The Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to Public Law 104–264, appointed the following individuals to the National Civil Aviation Review Commission: Linda Barker, of South Dakota, and William Bacon, of South Dakota. **Page S2573**

Messages from the President: Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting the report of a proposed rescission of budgetary resources; which was referred jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, to the Committee on Appropriations, to the Committee on the Budget, and to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. (PM–23). **Page S2552**

Transmitting the report on environmental quality; referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works. (PM–24). **Page S2552**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations: By 76 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 34 EX), Merrick B. Garland, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit. **Pages S2536, S2574**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

James H. Atkins, of Arkansas, to be a Member of the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board for a term expiring September 25, 2000.

Kathryn O'Leary Higgins, of South Dakota, to be Deputy Secretary of Labor.

Kevin Emanuel Marchman, of Colorado, to be an Assistant Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

Richard Thomas White, of Michigan, to be a Member of the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission of the United States for a term expiring September 30, 1999.

1 Navy nomination in the rank of admiral.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—34)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10:30 a.m., and adjourned at 8:20 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 20, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2573.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—SEC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary and Related Agencies held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for the Securities and Exchange Commission, receiving testimony from Arthur Levitt, Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held closed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1998 for defense intelligence programs, receiving testimony from George J. Tenet, Acting Director, and Nora Slakin, Executive Director, both of the Central Intelligence Agency; and Gen. Patrick M. Hughes, USA, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Gen. Kenneth A. Minihan, USAF, Director, National Security Agency, and Keith R. Hall, Acting Director, National Reconnaissance Office, all of the Department of Defense.

Subcommittee will meet again on Wednesday, April 9.

DEFENSE ACQUISITION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings to examine the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Paul G. Kaminski, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology; John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; Lt. Gen. George Muellner, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition; Kenneth Oscar, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Procurement; Thomas J. Madden, Venable, Baetjer, Howard, and Civiletti, and Karen L. Wilson, Allied Signal, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; John Delane, DELJEN, Inc., Rolling Hills Es-

tates, California; and Bert M. Concklin, Professional Services Council, Vienna, Virginia.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—MILITARY READINESS

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on military readiness accounts, receiving testimony from Maj. Gen. Thomas A. Braaten, USMC, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Programs and Resources, Headquarters Marine Corps; Rear Adm. James S. Amerault, USN, Director, Office of Budget/Fiscal Management Division; Maj. Gen. Roger G. Thompson, Jr., USA, Director of Army Budget, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Army for Financial Management; and Maj. Gen. George T. Stringer, USAF, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Budget, Office of Assistant Secretary of the Air Force/Financial Management Comptroller.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on SeaPower held hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, receiving testimony from John W. Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development and Acquisition; and Gen. Charles C. Krulak, Commandant of the Marine Corps.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1998 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on Department of Energy weapons programs, receiving testimony from Victor H. Reis, Assistant Secretary, Defense Program, Department of Defense; Gen. Eugene E. Habiger, USAF, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Strategic Command; Sigfried S. Hecker, Director, Los Alamos National Laboratory, C. Paul Robinson, President, Sandia National Laboratories, and Bruce Tarter, Director, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, all of the Department of Energy; Ambrose Schwallie, Westinghouse/Savannah River Corporation, Aiken, South Carolina; Karen K. Clegg, Allied Signal, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; F.P. Gustavson, Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; and William Weinreich, Mason Hanger/Pantex Plant, Amarillo, Texas.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.